

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the paragraph beginning on page 15, at line 20, as follows:

After the depressions have been transported past the position P5, there are depressions in which ink 56 is still present. The ink 56 was removed from other depressions when printing in the transfer printing zone 72. A cleaning station 100 is located at a position P6. The cleaning station 100 contains a cleaning drum 102 whose longitudinal axis lies parallel to the longitudinal axis of the printing drum 10a. The cleaning drum 102 turns in a direction opposite that of the printing drum 10a, see arrow 104. As noted above in the summary, a control unit for actuation of the cleaning station and the inking station is provided to simultaneously place the cleaning station and the inking station into operation during the printing event. The control unit, marked 103, in the drawing is connected to both the cleaning station and the inking station to provide the described simultaneous operation. At the position P6, the surface of the cleaning drum 102 and the surface of the printing drum 10a touch in a cleaning region 105. The surface of the cleaning drum 102 is fabricated of an absorbent material that draws ink out of the depressions in which ink has remained. Ink that was previously in the depressions on the printing drum 10a is squeegeed off from the cleaning drum 102 with the assistance of a doctor blade 106. The removed ink runs into a collecting basin 108 arranged under the doctor blade 106. After being transported past the position P6, the depressions on the printing drum 10a have returned into their original condition as explained above for the position P1.